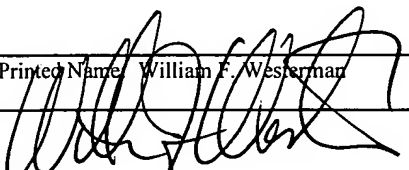


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| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | | DATE: May 15, 2006 |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | U.S. Application No. (if known): 40/579488 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/JP2004/017236 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: November 19, 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: December 2, 2003 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: DC-DC CONVERTER | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Hiroyuki EGUCHI et al. | | |
| Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). | | |
| ITEMS 11. TO 20. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED: | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 together with the international search report, PTO/SB/08 and 6 references. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. ASSIGNEE NAME AND ADDRESS: HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD., Tokyo, Japan. Please publish the assignee data with the application. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: 3 sheets of Drawings. | | |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known) 83/277468 | | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/017236 | | DATE: May 15, 2006 | |
| The following fees are submitted: | | | | CALCULATIONS | PTO USE ONLY |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Stage Fee \$300 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Stage Examination Fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$100 All other situations \$200 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Stage Search Fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority \$100 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office \$400 All other situations \$500 ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = | | | | \$300.00 \$200.00 \$400.00 \$900.00 | |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). | | | | | |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | | |
| TOTAL | 5-20= | | X \$ 50.00 | | |
| INDEPENDENT | 2-3 = | | X \$ 200.00 | | |
| Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable) | | | + \$360.00 | | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$900.00 | |
| National Stage Application Size Fee-for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets \$ 250.00. | | | | | |
| Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | \$900.00 | |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). + | | | | | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | \$900.00 | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + | | | | \$ 40.00 | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | | | \$940.00 | |
| | | | | Amount to be: refunded charged | \$ \$ |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$940.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. (\$300.00 for basic national stage fee; \$400.00 for national stage search fee; \$200.00 for national stage examination fee and \$40.00 for assignment recordation fee). b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-2866 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2866. | | | | | |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status. | | | | | |
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| Typed or Printed Name: William F. Westerman | | | Reg. No.: 29,988 | | |
| Signature:  | | | Date: May 15, 2006 | | |

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